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1. THE ACTING DCM AT THE NEPALESE EMBASSY, JAI RANA, TOLD US APRIL 23 THAT IN A MEETING EARLIER THIS WEEK IN DELHI THE INDIANS TOOK A SOFTER LINE ON THE QUESTION OF PRICING OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES. THEY APPARENTLY SAID INDIA WOULD NOT WANT TO DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD SERIOUSLY HURT NEPALESE INDUSTRY. JAI RANA ALSO NOTED THAT PROBLEMS THE NEPALESE WERE HAVING IN GETTING BERTHS FOR SHIPS WHICH HAD BEEN STANDING OFF CALCUTTA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS WITH LOADS OF CEMENT AND OTHER COMMODITIES FOR NEPAL HAD BEEN SUDDENLY SOLVED. HE WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER THESE DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT NOT BE RELATED TO NEPALESE RESTRAINT ON SIKKIM THIS TIME AROUND.

2. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION DIDN'T SOUND ANY SOFTER TO US WHEN WE SAW HIM MONDAY, WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHETHER THE NEPALESE HERE ARE ENGAGING IN WISHFUL THINKING OR WHETHER THERE IS REALLY SOME GIVE IN
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